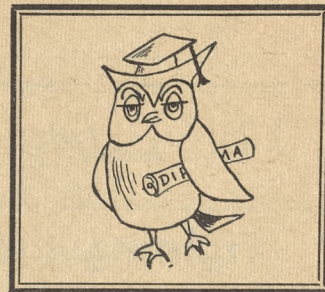




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Seniors Await Commencement Exercises June 26th; Numerous Scholarships Go to Outstanding Students

By Barbara Bold

A number of Fort Hamiltonites have distinguished themselves in various scholarship competitions during the past year.

Last month twelve seniors received State Regents College Scholarships: Marily Anderson, Jonathan Charney, Robert D'Elia, Donald Goer, Anne Hicks, Jonathan Kamin, Morris Kramer, Margaret Moore, Andris Rasmanis, Henry Schmidt, Betty Ann Solomon, and Karen Swenson.

General Motors Winner

The State Regents Scholarship Board awarded Jonathan Kamin and Margaret Moore scholarships in Engineering, Chemistry, Physics, and Mathematics. Margaret also received a General Motors National Award.

Cecily and Maxine Rosenzweig were recipients of State Regents Scholarships for Children of Deceased or Disabled Veterans.

Other Scholarships

Other scholarships received thus far are as follows: Douglas Kalesh—Generoso Pope Memorial Scholarship; Joan La Farge and Jo Ann Swanson—Brooklyn Hospital Merit Scholarships; Harold Skilbred—Rochester Prize Scholarship; Jonathan Kamin—a scholarship to Johns Hopkins University; Virginia Wardell—a scholarship to Taylor University.

Also, Andris Rasmanis and Ellen Kaplan—scholarships to N.Y.U.; Pamela Siller—Parsons School of Design Scholarship; Ingrid Silverman—a scholarship to the Laboratory Institute of Merchandising; and Micheline Cangiano and Julia Avramides—scholarships to the Fashion Institute of Technology.

3 National Merit Finalists

Margaret Moore, Jonathan Kamin, and Virginia Wardell achieved the distinction of becoming finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. They received Certificates of Merit, and the colleges in which they were interested were notified of this honor.

Juniors Elect Council Officers

Nine officers have been elected by the members of the junior class to represent them next year on the Senior Council.

They are: president, Jeff Samaha, 3C22; vice president, Matthew Snapp, 3A5; secretaries, Lois Amatucci, 3A11, and Mary Ann D'Agostino, 3A3; treasurers, Roseann Cavalliezzi, 3C27; Joan Cotraro, 3B16; Mildred McNallis, 3A15; Linda Tonnessen, 3C25; and Connie Zagallo, 3B20.

These officers, along with two representatives from each official class; will serve on the Senior Council, the legislative body of the senior class.

Faculty adviser of the Senior Council is Miss Rita Duhig, a member of the Social Studies Department.

Minutemen Visit Whaling Village

The Minutemen Club, under the supervision of Miss Janice Alberti, took a bus trip Saturday, May 9, to Mystic, Connecticut, an old whaling town.

The restored seaport gave students a chance to actually "see" history. Hamiltonites boarded the whaler *Charles Morgan* and examined a famous ship which had sailed the seven seas in the 19th century. The students also visited the village ship-smith, apothecary, and accounting shop, among others.

Reporters Tour City Transit Repair Shop

By Debby Pisetzner

Twenty-five Jamaica Avenue is a corner of Brooklyn that hums and shrieks with activity.

This modern building was visited by Janet Ray and your reporter Tuesday, May 5, in response to an invitation to representatives from school newspapers throughout the city to tour the garage and repair shop of New York City's Transit Authority.

Shocked by Vandalism

The most lasting impression made upon the visiting group was the waste of money and materials due to vandalism. Men are employed all year round just to rebuild and re-upholster bus seats.

While locating the small lecture hall where they would be welcomed by Mr. H. Feldman, Assistant General Superintendent of the Transit Authority, your reporters were impressed with the courteous personnel who staffed the hallways. After the

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7 Seniors Receive City Hall Honor

Seven seniors attended the Mayor's Scholastic Honor Society Ceremony Tuesday, May 19, at City Hall Plaza. Mayor Robert F. Wagner presented citations to New York City high school students considered outstanding according to the standards of the Mayor's Committee on Scholastic Achievement.

The Fort Hamiltonites receiving the awards were Douglas Kalesh, Jonathan Kamin, Morris Kramer, Margaret Moore, Brenda Mudgett, Betty Ann Solomon, and Virginia Wardell.

Parents of the students were invited to attend the ceremony, at which the chief speaker was Brigadier General James Masters, Senior, Assistant Chief of Staff of the Marine Corps.

Valedictorians and Salutatorians



Margaret Moore
Radcliffe '63



Brenda Mudgett
Brooklyn '63



Harold Skilbred
Cornell '63



Douglas Kalesh
Brown '63

Four Top Students Plan For Professional Careers

By Pam Gersten

Every year the top students of the graduating class complete a four-year competition for highest acclaim. The top awards of the June 1959 graduating class will go to Margaret Moore, Brenda Mudgett, Harold Skilbred, and Douglas Kalesh, who will present either the valedictory or the salutatory addresses at the commencement exercises, Friday, June 26.

Brenda Mudgett

Brenda Mudgett, a pretty and popular senior, ranks second in her class, with a 96 average as a result of hard work and study. However, during her after school hours, she has found the time to participate in such extracurricular activities as Beacons and Senior Council. She is also a member of Arista.

Brenda enjoys listening to classical music and likes the poetry of Walt Whitman and the literature of Thomas Mann.

She plans to remain in the city this summer and work. In the fall she will further her education at Brooklyn College where she will study

pedagogy.

Harold Skilbred

Harold Skilbred is third in his graduating class. During his years at Fort Hamilton he has been a reporter on the *Pilot* and a member of Arista, the Minutemen, the Advanced Chemistry Club, the tennis team, and the Trinity Club. Last year he par-

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Editor to Study Newspaper Work

Pamela Gersten, 3A9, has received a scholarship for a five-week specialized study session in journalism at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, this summer.

This honor came to Pam as a result of her excellent scholastic and extracurricular activity. In order to be considered for admission, she had to submit a formal college application and several samples of her journalistic work to the University.

Her curriculum for the five weeks will include intensive training in important phases of newspaper, magazine, and yearbook work. This training covers reporting, editing, make-up, and headlines; critical, feature, and editorial writing; and advertising.

Pam is news editor of the *Pilot*, a member of Arista and the senior band, vice-president of the Psychology Club, and a member of the Modern Dance Class.

Students Elect G.O. Officers

In the annual election three weeks ago, G.O. members voted for the officers of the General Organization.

The successful candidates, who will have the honor of representing the student body, are: Charles Schwenk, 3B18, president; Fred Buffa, 3A11, vice-president; Mary Ann D'Agostino, 3A3, secretary; and Barbara Kucher, 2A17, treasurer.

These newly-elected officers will hold office during the forthcoming school year, September 1959 to June 1960.

Regents Examination Schedule

TIME	Monday June 15	Tuesday June 16	Wednesday June 17	Thursday June 18
8:45 to 12:15	Eng. 4 yrs.	Amer. Hist. and World Back- grounds	App. Chem.* Biology Chemistry Comb. Short., Type. & Trans.	Adv. Algebra Bookkeeping 2 Shop Maj. Art 2
12:45 to 4:15	Int. Alg. 10 yr. Math 11 yr. Math Home Nursing	Latin 2 yrs. French 2 yrs. Spanish 2 yrs. German 2 yrs. Mech. Dr. 1 Mech. Dr. 2 Maj. Art 3	Physics Maj. Art 1 (Basic Art)	Latin 3 yrs. French 3 yrs. Spanish 3 yrs. German 3 yrs.

* The Applied Chemistry is a 2 hour City-wide examination. It will begin at 9:15 A.M. and end at 11:15 A.M.

By Jonathan Kamin

Approximately 700 seniors will graduate Friday, June 26, as the climax to four years of studies and activities.

There will be two commencement ceremonies: the seniors in A prefects will graduate at 9 A.M., those in B prefects at 11.

The ceremonies will begin as the gowned seniors (boys in blue, girls in white) march in to the "Entrance and March of the Peers," from *Iolanthe*, by Sir Arthur Sullivan, performed by the orchestra. After the traditional opening exercises, the salutatory addresses will be given by Harold Skilbred at one commencement, Douglas Kalesh at the other.

Awards to be Given

The mixed chorus, conducted by Mrs. Marie K. Salzberg, will then sing Peter J. Wilhousky's arrangement of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," and "Climbin' Up the Mountain," a Negro spiritual.

Awards will be presented to seniors of outstanding achievement in various fields, these awards including the Mayor's Committee Scholastic Achievement Awards, the Augustus Ludwig Awards, the Cooperation in Government Awards, the Parent Teachers Association Awards, and awards for excellence in school subjects.

To Present Class Gift

Senior grade advisers Mrs. Con-

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19 Staff Members Get Pilot Pins

Nineteen members of the *Pilot* staff received the official *Pilot* pin last month for outstanding service on the school paper.

The happy recipients were Jacquelyn Appel, Joanne Astarbi, Thomas Barreca, John Cardello, Robert Chartrand, Joan Donnen, Rosann Fazio, Pamela Gersten, Jocelyn Jansen, Phyllis Johnson, Karen McCarthy, Sonja Olsen, Debby Pisetzner, Carol Anne Rabe, Janet Ray, Marilyn Ryan, Kenneth Siple, Kenneth Ward, and Roseann Williams.

The above students comprise editors, reporters, photographers, typists and artists.

Sophomore Wins Trip to Far East

Lawrence Smith, 2B12, has been awarded a \$1500 scholarship to attend the Boy Scout World Jamboree in the Philippine Islands this summer. After the Jamboree, he will travel through a good part of Asia.

The scholarship was based on his scouting ability, scholarship, and character. Lawrence had to pass before a Brooklyn and a New York State Board of Review before he was granted the award.

Shortly after school lets out, Lawrence will leave San Francisco with 48 other American Boy Scouts. Honolulu, Japan, Malaya, Hong Kong, and Thailand are also on the itinerary.

Lawrence, who plans to become a biochemist, is a member of the Minutemen, the Psychology Club, and the Chemistry Squad.

The Editors Say...

Fighting the Monster

In about two weeks summer will be here—but *after* Regents week. At this time of the year, when the weather is so well-suited for anything but study and exam taking, Hamiltonites retreat indoors to do their last cramming before the summer vacation begins.

This has been a long, hard spell, but now the end is very close. All that is needed is a final spurt of energy, a passing mark on the Regents, and a long, deep sigh.

There are many ways in which to go about studying for Regents. Over the years, different students have found different ways successful. Some well-organized pupils set aside a definite time each day in June to study. Some, slightly less organized, but nevertheless conscientious students, study the entire day before a Regents. However, the majority of the students have found that studying the night before, from about nine o'clock to two o'clock, brings very definite results—a headache, sore eyes, yawning fits, and sometimes a passing mark.

The study method one decides to use is up to the individual. But for everyone there is at least this consolatory thought: if Regents Week is here, summer vacation is not far behind.

It's Almost Over

Congratulations to the seven hundred seniors graduating at the end of this month! By June 26 they will have swum their last Fort Hamilton mile—the Regents exams—and will have survived the seemingly perpetual obstacles about which they love to complain and which they will miss so much.

It is not easy for students to come through four years of new and difficult work, especially when beset by problems typical of their age. Many a senior was saved by one of two persons who acted literally as lifeguards—the grade advisers. Mrs. Concetta Bonom and Mrs. Jennie Mayer (on leave this term and replaced by Miss Maud Randles) have spent four years adjusting courses and programs and ironing out kinks in the academic work. They aided in the choice of colleges and vocations and helped each student individually despite the terrifying amount of paperwork that constitutes a student's record.

What reward do they get? Only the satisfaction of seeing a student graduate in four years instead of five, of seeing him established in the right college or the right job.

From the seniors of '59, then, come grateful thanks to Mrs. Bonom, Mrs. Mayer, and Miss Randles, and sincere hopes that in the future those whom they helped will repay their debt in service to the community and accomplishment for humanity.

The Happy Days

Since September every Hamiltonite has been counting the months, weeks, days and hours until summer vacation.

Seniors are eagerly awaiting commencement, and juniors are looking forward to a long vacation from term papers, National Merit Exams, and College Boards. Sophomores are apprehensively awaiting their first stab at Regents, and freshmen are dreaming of relief from their first year of high school.

Summer is nearly upon us. This means vacation and freedom from study for most, but for those uncalculating few it means two more months in summer school.

From June until September students will have enough time to accomplish some of those things that studying, homework and term papers prevented them from doing during the school year. Many have already formulated their plans for this summer; others will remain blissfully idle.

Vacation is the time to spend lazy days in the country or at the beach; to swim, play tennis, and relax so that in September one will be able to return to school ready for ten months of intensive work.

Have fun! Autumn is closer than you think!

Aptly Defined

The following statement, made by the Mock Turtle in *Alice in Wonderland*, seems to define school admirably at this particular time of the year:

"Reeling and Writhing, of course, to begin with, and the different branches of arithmetic—Ambition, Distraction, Uglification, and Derision."

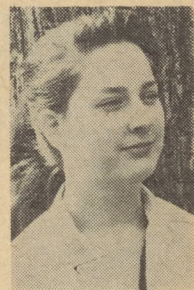
Valedictorian to Attend Radcliffe in September

By Jacquelyn Appel

Do you know someone who won a General Motors Scholarship, was a Merit Scholarship finalist, and was a Westinghouse Science Talent Search semi-finalist? It is true that such a person is difficult to find, but Fort Hamilton can proudly boast of such a student—senior Margaret Moore.

Margaret's outstanding scholastic record during her high school career has earned her the honor of being first in this year's graduating class. Because of this, she will be one of the valedictorians at commencement.

An Accomplished Flutist



However, do not think for one moment that Margaret's interests lie only in her schoolwork. She is an accomplished flutist and plays this instrument in the school orchestra.

She is also interested in writing, which is demonstrated by the fact that she is editor-in-chief of the *Pilot* and has also received awards for her writing during the past four years.

Last summer Margaret attended the Roscoe B. Jackson Memorial Laboratory, Bar Harbor, Maine, where for ten weeks she did biological experiments on mice.

To Attend Radcliffe

As for the future, Margaret is uncertain about what she plans to do. She has been accepted into Radcliffe, which she will attend, but has not yet decided upon a career. At this moment, she is considering the profession of a research worker or a professor in some college. However, it is easy to see that this brilliant, versatile senior will be successful in whatever career she finally decides upon.

Mr. Jacob C. Solovay, faculty ad-

viser of the school paper, said, "With Margaret's graduation, the school loses one of the finest editors-in-chief that ever dummed a paper or pounded out an editorial. We are sure that she will remember her newspaper sessions of hard work, not unmixed with fun. To know her is to like her, admire her, and respect her—as a scholar and a lady."

Round About

By Jonathan Kamin

Question: Your Round About reporter has asked various members of the faculty about their summer plans. Here are comments selected at random.

Miss Antonia Higginson, chairman, Mathematics Department:

I'll spend my time relaxing on the shores of eastern Long Island. When I'm not relaxing, I'll be thinking up a non-Regents solid geometry syllabus.

Mr. William Shine,

Music Department:

I'm going to read, play tennis, practice the trumpet, and move—there's a bridge going through my house. I thought I'd set up a stereophonic toll booth and collect money from both sides, but the city didn't like the idea.

Mrs. Concetta Bonom,

Secretarial Studies:

My husband and I will fly by jet to Rome. We'll visit several cities in Italy and fly to Vienna and Paris. It's something I'm looking forward to, since I've never been to Europe before.

Mr. George Kanstroem, chairman,

Physical Science Department:

I'll be attending a National Science Foundation Summer Institute at the University of Connecticut. We will study the new physics syllabus proposed by the Physical Science Committee of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mrs. Anita Hauptmann,

Social Studies:

We're planning a trip to Europe with the Kings County Medical Society. We'll stop for a week in Vienna where my husband will attend the society's convention.

Miss Joan McCabe,

English Department:

Miss Alberti and I are planning to fly to Hawaii or to the West Coast.

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Firsts

Streptomycin was first isolated by Dr. Selman Abraham Waksman in January, 1944. It was produced commercially during the same year.

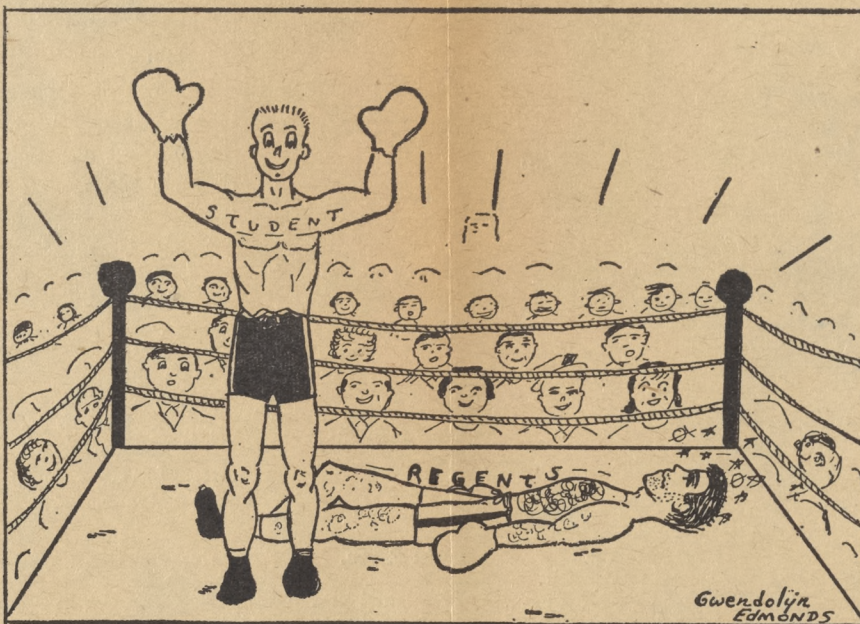
Andrew Jackson was the first president whose assassination was attempted. Fortunately, the assassin's shots missed.

The first person to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel was Anna Edson Taylor, who accomplished this feat on October 24, 1901.

The first practical fountain pen was invented by Lewis Edison Waterman and was manufactured in 1884 by the L. E. Waterman Company.

The first American to be awarded the Nobel Prize was President Theodore Roosevelt, who won it in 1906 for helping bring the Russo-Japanese War to a close.

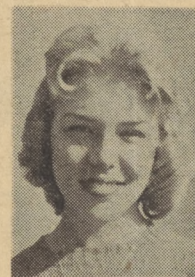
Only Winners Laugh...



Backwash

By Karen Swenson

It is now June, and we who are seniors are looking forward with keen anticipation to the pleasures of reviewing and cramming for the Regents. Of course the



underclassmen can share these delights with us in a small way, but the greater part of the fun is left for the seniors, whose graduation depends on the outcome of these mental Olympics.

Sophomores, juniors, freshmen—they have a summer ahead of them in which to store up memories so that they can return in the fall and write those sparkling tidbits of immortal prose entitled "How I Spent My Summer Vacation." They have long years ahead of them (approximately one-sixth of this time will be spent standing on the lunch line) in which to do all the things that they will remember as integral parts of high school life—copy homework, accumulate zeroes, miss busses, get detention, flounder in homework, drown in reports, etc., etc.

Lucky Lower Termers

Again they will revel in the pleasures which characterize our school—the distinctive odor of the gym, the smell of sulphur on chemistry lab days, the sound of tortured groans from within the *Pilot* office, and the awe-inspiring and majestic sight of a full period test spread out in all its glory on the blackboard, ready to confront unsuspecting eyes.

But these are privileges which we seniors will enjoy no more—unless we, like Krushchev, show a preference for five-year-plans. We must go forth to work, to join the service, or—better yet—to college, where we will get four more years of the same type of life.

But high school has a glory of its own that cannot be matched by the undergraduate carousing at any university or college.

Never Again, Never Again

Just think, no longer will we be able to get up at the crack of dawn, tumble drowsily out into the cold, cruel world, and into a jammed bus. Never again will we be able to copy homework frantically during A.M. prefect, only to have the teacher forget to collect it. Never again will we march bravely into a thirty-degree locker room and cavort around in an ice-encrusted gym in those Dior gym suits. Never again will we rush madly down to the cafeteria and emerge triumphantly first on line to find that the "special" is boiled thumb-tacks on galvanized iron.

And never again will we have to write nonsense like this column; and, best of all, never again will you have to read it.

Goodby and good luck. It was really wonderful.

Words on Words

It is not certain as to where the word *slang* originated, but one theory is that it is a shortened form of 'slanguage' which was a shortened form of thieves' language, the name given to the jargon spoken by thieves and criminals of the underworld of England in the Middle Ages.

We have many expressions for a person of whom we have an unflattering opinion. These words include *chump*, *crumb*, *numb-skull*, *dumb-bell*, *nit-wit*, *nincom-poop*, *ninny*, *dope*, *jerk*, and *square*.

We have many slang words for things we find admirable or desirable. Among them are *snazzy*, *nifty*, *spiffy*, *slick*, and *smooth*. And, of course, let's not forget *That's George!*



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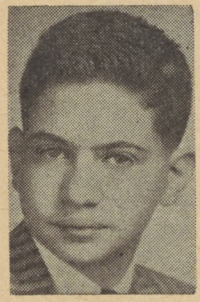
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By Jonathan Charney

The second annual Father and Son varsity awards dinner brought to a close this year's successful sports season. Mr. Gordon Lebowitz, chairman of the Boys Health Education Department, emceed the ceremonies, and speakers included Judge Charles Ramsgate; State Sen. William T. Conklin; and Walter Haas, editor of the Brooklyn Spectator.



The captains honored were Arthur Jones, baseball; Robert Duryea, rifle; William Conte and Edward Mizhir, basketball; Larry Diamond, soccer; Larry Lynch, cross-country; Mike Tartamella, track; Don Goer, tennis; John Railey, bowling; John Raffaniello, golf; and Doug Kalesh, handball.

THE TIME HAS COME

"The time has come," the editor said, "To talk of many things; Of games and teams and tennis courts;

Of handball gloves and pings; Why Coach Bedell fears rifle shots, And Mr. Kottmann sings."

"But wait a bit!" the keggers cried, "Before you scold for that; We lost the city championship, Confusing ball with bat."

"Don't worry," said Coach Flaster then,

"We thank you much for that."

"A team of five," Coach Kern then said,

"Is what we chiefly need: Tall, handsome, brawny men of fire, With form and strength and speed." But baseball with Coach Francis Ptak Cannot be matched, indeed.

"Remember us," Coach Hammer begs, "My handball group will stew; Give us Coach Joltin's tennis courts, And we will show who's who." But Mr. Matheson's golfing team Has never left him blue.

"The year has gone," sighs Mr. L., "The soccer team's been quick; My health ed teachers much I praise, Who helped through thin and thick." And now, goodbye I say to you, In accents smooth and sick.

P.S. I sadly hand over the chair of sports editor to my successor, Kenneth Sipley, who I know will do a splendid job next year. I wish him all the fun (and work!) that I had on the paper. And thanks to my fine assistants without whose aid my life would have been very, very difficult.

Happy vacation!

Arista Has Party

The Arista League held its annual spring party in the cafeteria Tuesday, May 4.

Mrs. Mary Catania, adviser, with the assistance of Mrs. Josephine Sullivan and Miss Janice Alberti, supervised the fun.

Lento First To Pitch No-Hitter

Two men were out in the bottom half of the seventh inning as a Lafayette batter bunted the ball. A few seconds later the umpire yelled "Out" and Bob Lento was heartily congratulated by his teammates.



Bob had just become the first Fort Hamilton pitcher, according to Coach Francis Ptak, who had ever pitched a no-hitter. He had faced twenty-nine Lafayette batters through seven innings without giving up a hit. His teammates rallied for five runs to help Bob to his shut-out victory.

This steady player won four games and lost none for the Blue and White this year. With his help, the team defeated Lincoln, New Utrecht, Manual, and this year's league champion, Lafayette.

Smoking Survey Points Up Why Students Begin

By Janet Ray

The smoking survey, under the sponsorship of science teacher Mr. Donald Abramson, was recently completed and the results are now available.

In all, 420 students filled out questionnaires which had been distributed among classes in the Science Department. Mr. Abramson pointed out that this was a small percentage of the student body and might not prove an accurate representative sample.

In the entire group the non-smokers outnumbered smokers 2 to 1. Yet in answer to the question, "Why did you start smoking?," one-third of the smokers replied: "Because everyone else does." The survey indicates that this is not entirely the case. Other reasons given for beginning were: wanting to "act big" and curiosity. Whether or not parents and best friends smoked seemed to be a strong determining influence on whether or not the individual smoked.

An added point of interest is that although 63% of the smokers agreed that smoking was harmful, only 45% said they could stop if they tried.

Mr. Abramson expressed sincere thanks to the biology teachers, to the students who assisted him on the project, and to Mr. William Ger of the English Department. He hopes to conduct another survey on this question next year.

Vaulting Ambition



Photo by Bob Chartrand

John Moore

School Now Has Pole-Vault Team

Fort Hamilton's pole-vault team, under the supervision of Coaches S. C. Fleetwood and Joseph Kottmann, is showing excellent form in its initial year of inter-school competition.

The team is headed by John Moore, 2A15, who, although a sophomore, is the first pole-vaulter in the track and field history of our school.

On May 2 he placed second in the Brooklyn College Meet with his best mark of ten feet, six inches.

At the Brooklyn PSAL Championships, John placed second again, as Hamilton walked off with seven of the fifteen points in that event.

John, who still has two years of high school ahead of him, plans to attend college and to continue his athletic training there.

Editor Plans Medical Career

By Harold Skilbred

Who has been seen wearing a zany pair of red bucks and a fiery scarlet blazer to school? None other than the sports editor of the *Pilot*, Jonathan Charney.

Besides his unusual taste in fashions, he enjoys attending operas and Broadway plays. Operas recently seen include *Faust*, *La Bohème*, *The Magic Flute*, and *Die Walküre*. Among the plays are *My Fair Lady*, *West Side Story*, and *The Music Man*. He is also an amateur shutterbug and an excellent trombonist.

To Study Medicine

In the fall, Jonathan plans to attend Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Penn. He intends to study medicine and probably will specialize in surgery.

During the past two summers he attended Camp Rising Sun, an international scholarship camp to which

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Season Wind-up Shows Teams Performed Well

By Kenneth Sipley

The coaches of the Fort Hamilton teams all agree they've had a good year. Several teams have improved their standing over the previous season.

The soccer team, under Mr. Gordon Lebowitz, finished the season with an 8-4 record, capturing third place in its section. Last year the boys won only three games. Larry Diamond captained the team.

Mr. Lebowitz cited Kaare Rafoss, Carl Lislevatin, Olaf Bendson, Chris Giannokouris, Scottie Tate, Peter Korinis, and Hank Siedel as his outstanding players. "The return of 'Geronimo' Stepanovic and his brother 'Geronimo' Jr. will strengthen the team tremendously," the coach remarked.

Track Coach Not Blue

Mr. Joseph Kottmann's track team lost only one dual meet this season, taking 3rd place in the Milrose meet and in the Iona Relays. While this may not be as good as last year's record, Mr. Kottmann isn't unhappy. "After all, last year we had an unusual group of boys," he said. The coach rates Captain Mike Tartamella, Kirk Beck, John Moore, and Victor Gerkins as the outstanding members of the team.

2-5 For Handballers

The handball team, coached by Mr. Howard Hammer, turned in a 2-5 season. Four out of their five losses were narrow scores of 3-2. Captain Doug Kalesh, Art Spector, Antonio De Gennaro, Steve Oleksak, Art Paulson, Olaf Bendson, and Robert Tenney were the reasons why the team improved over last year's performance. "Let me decide whether or not you have talent before you decide not to try out," Mr. Hammer urges Hamiltonites.

Riflemen Place 2nd

Winning four and losing two, the

Beacons Entertain Borough Athletes

Students, have you been wondering why the girls' athletic field was covered with purple, white, and sundry other colors, instead of the familiar blue and green, May 12? Attribute this to the Beacons, the girls' honor or health education groups, who were playing host to honor athletic organizations representing schools throughout Brooklyn.

Under the supervision of Mrs. Josephine Sullivan, these outstanding athletes held what is commonly known as a Playday. The purpose of such gatherings is partly participation in athletic events, but primarily enjoyment and acquaintanceship with girls from other schools.

Mara Milgravis, president of Beacons, welcomed the visitors and conducted the games. First, volleyball, line soccer, and deck tennis were played outside; then, journeying indoors, the girls participated in team relays. Afterwards refreshments were served in the cafeteria and prizes were awarded to the team accumulating the highest score in all events.

A distinguished guest, Mrs. Hazel Pflomm, Director of the Girls Branch of the PSAL, was also present.

rifle team wound up in second place in their section. Captain Robert Duryea and Jack Kelley are graduating seniors, but returning in the fall will be Leverett Preble, Richard Bulko, Thomas Melville, Richard Friedman and Mike Spielman. "This year's try-outs were very disappointing," said Coach Robert Bedell. "Anyone who is still interested should see me."

Keglers Come Close

Mr. Harry Flaster's bowling team missed winning the city championship by one pin. Captain John Railey, Edwin Stahlecker, Robert Buhl, Thomas Bianco, Robert Moneyenny, and Joe Caliendo formed last year's first team. "The intramural tournament uncovered some nice prospects," the coach said. "Bowling is on the upswing in Fort Hamilton."

Quintet Breaks Even

The basketball team had a 5-5 league record under Mr. Kenneth Kern, an improvement over last year's 2-8. Ed Mizhir, Bill Conte, Jerry Gavin, Howie Bass, and Bob Barnett (high scorer) were the "big men" on the team. "Next year we may have a championship five," Mr. Kern said confidently. "I could put a team on the floor averaging 6' 4"—something unusual for high school ball."

Nine Also Breaks Even

The baseball team also turned in a 5-5 record while trying for 3rd in the section. Artie Jones, John Railey, (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1)

Pupils, Teacher Win Essay Awards

Linda Rodrigues, 3C22, and Maxine Sacks, 3C27, were awarded second and third place, respectively, for Kings County in an essay contest to commemorate New York State's 350 years of history.

On the basis of the class project, their teacher, Mrs. Cathleen Morrison, received first place in Kings County in the faculty competition.

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Sports

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Joe Imbriale, Hugh Maine, Bill Conte, Joe Tavolacci, Joe Buro, and Jim Pryor are graduating.

Returning will be Frank Deluca, Don Albano, Vincent Schettini, Mike Castagnola, and Bob Lento, who pitched a no-hitter. "I would like to pay tribute to Railey and Jones," Coach Francis Ptak said. "They are fine boys and I hope they will continue their baseball careers."

Netmen Play Well

Mr. Alfred Joltin's tennis team had a 5-2 record, an improvement over last year's 4-3 season. Captain Donald Goer, Bill Bryson and Tom Mather are graduating. Robert Gillespie, Lloyd Haas, John Yellen, Robert Abbott, and Richard Goldberg will return next season to carry on for the Blue and White.

The golf team, under Mr. John Matheson, has an 8-1 record, losing to Brooklyn Tech by one stroke. The team consists of Nick Stavriotis, Captain John Raffaniello, Bruce Tilton, Robert Khouri and Hank Seidel. Nick and Hank are the only team members graduating this month.

"The boys on the cross-country team ran very well this year, always finishing near the top," said Coach Ptak. Larry Lynch, Martin Schwann, Victor Gerkins and Steve Shama were the outstanding runners. Only five members of the team will be graduating, leaving twenty returning veterans.

16 Staff Members Bid Paper Goodby

Who? What? When? Where? Why? How?

For two years or more these questions have been in the minds of sixteen *Pilot* staff members who have reached the end of the newspaper line with this issue.

The following members of the editorial staff will graduate at the end of this month: Margaret Moore, editor-in-chief; Jonathan Charney, sports editor; and Jonathan Kamin, circulation manager.

Nine reporters will also leave: Charlene Alekel, Barbara Bold, Heike DeBlasio, Amy Hittner, Judith Rizika, Cecily Rosenzweig, Maxine Rosenzweig, Harold Skilbred, and Karen Swenson, author of the humorous column *Backwash*.

Artists Bonnie Breslin and Karen McCarthy, photographer Robert Chartrand, and typist Patricia Nacari will wipe the printer's ink from their hands and leave. Typist Joanne Astarbi, a junior, will leave to attend night school for six months.

Round About

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This is the first time in many years that we have had definite plans.

Miss Sally Van Bokkelen, chairman, Secretarial Studies Department:

I plan to take a trip to the Orient, stopping first in the fiftieth state. My itinerary will include the Philippine Islands, Hong Kong, Macao, and Japan.

Mr. John Matheson, chairman,

Shop Department:

I'm going fishing for tuna at Montauk Point.

Mr. Max Zeldner, chairman,

Language Department:

I'm planning to spend part of the summer at the Tanglewood music festival and travel in Canada.

Mr. Eugene Sterne,

Accounting Department:

My wife and I are taking a jet to Rome. From there we'll fly to Barcelona, then to Lourdes, then to Paris, and finally to a town in France, where my son is lecturing on a Fulbright teaching fellowship.

Mr. Tom Competello,

Art Department:

I'm like going to grow a beard, fly to San Francisco, and swing, man!

Tower to Have Modern Design

This year's *Tower*, scheduled to make its appearance shortly, is designed in what is known to students of modern art as "actionistic." To achieve a strong contrast, black lettering against an impressive white background is to be used on the cover. Its drawing symbolizes "growth"—the theme of the yearbook.

The entire make-up promises to be different. Department write-ups will be replaced by poetry written by *Tower* staff members. More space than ever before will be devoted to candid photos.

Mrs. Mildred Liger, faculty art adviser, said, "In 1957 the *Tower* won a first place in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Contest. We hope to do as well this year." Miss Elizabeth Steinmetz, literary adviser, and Mr. Alexander Selwyn, business manager, are also optimistic.

Seniors will receive a copy of the hard cover edition. A paper-bound edition will be available to undergraduates.

Jacquelyn Appel Wins 3 UN Prizes

Jacquelyn Appel, 3A19, received a \$50 bond, a \$25 gift certificate to the Barnes and Noble book store, and a set of the Encyclopedia Americana as prizes for her attainment of the Brooklyn First Award, the New York City Second Award, and the Southern New York State First Award, respectively, in the Annual High School Contest on the United Nations.

The awards were presented Friday, May 12, at City Hall. Mayor Robert F. Wagner and other New York City officials presented the prizes.

Jacquelyn's paper is now one of eighty to compete for awards on a national level.

City Transit

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welcoming address, short lectures were delivered by Mr. J. Belsky, Superintendent of Transportation, and Mr. P. Hayes, Superintendent of Operations, who discussed the problems of the Transit Authority in relation to schools and maintenance.

A pleasant lunch followed. Your reporters then joined a tour guided by Mr. W. Lobel, which included a visit to the Diesel Unit Room, where all diesel units are repaired or rebuilt; the Trolley Coach Unit Repair Shop, where all trolley parts are repaired; the Welding Room, where several methods of welding were demonstrated for the group; and the Chassis Dynamometer, which tests every reconditioned bus before it leaves the garage. The Paint Shop, completed in 1953, can clean and paint four buses every shift.

In the Body Shop, your reporters saw the buses that were waiting to be repaired. The slashed seat upholstery, ragged floor covering, and smeared walls attested to the shameful behavior of vandals.

The day ended on a hopeful note injected by Mr. L. Peck, Assistant Superintendent of the Shop, who said that the vandalism would cease if high school students realized the damage and great inconvenience created by such malicious mischief.

Typists Win Contest Citation

The following students received honorable mention in a nationwide typewriting contest in which 20,000 high school students participated: Joan Chiarini, 3C22; Judeith Mehlberg, 4A13; Betty Baumann, 4B2; Karin Sorensen, 4A7; Margie Takvam, 4B10.

The contest was sponsored by the Pitman Publishing Corporation and was given last month. Thirty-one of Hamilton's best typists competed.

Another contest, this one city-wide, was sponsored by the Underwood Typewriting Company at the end of last month. The finest typist in the Secretarial Department received a gold medal.

At the time the *Pilot* went to press, the winner had not yet been announced.

Sports Editor

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students with superior scholastic achievement came from all corners of the earth. This summer he will travel to South America.

Jonathan's record at Fort Hamilton demonstrates his scholastic ability. He won a New York State Regents Scholarship and was a semi-finalist in the General Motors Scholarship. He also participated in the Westinghouse Science Talent Search.

A participant in many extracurricular activities, he enjoys playing



Photo by Tom Barreca

Jonathan Charney

the trombone in the dance band and orchestra. He is a member of Arista, the Advanced Chemistry Club, and the Advanced Physics Club, and is an undefeated member of the tennis team. In past years, he has been a member of the Psychology Club, the Minutemen, the Math Club, and the Menorah Club.

His popularity is evidenced by his having been elected "Star Reporter" in the senior celebrity elections. Amiable, intelligent and witty are adjectives that well describe the *Pilot's* sports editor, Jonathan Charney.

KEN SIPLEY CHOSEN

Kenneth Siple, 3B6, recently received word that he will be Fort Hamilton's third delegate to Empire Boys' State. He will join Fred Strobel, 3A13, and Kurt Lauer, 3C26, at Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y., during the week of June 21-27.

Language Students Issue Unusual 'Publications'

This year a group of fourth year French students, class 4A6, under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Mary Catania, compiled a magazine written almost entirely in French.

Co-editors were Betty Ann Solomon, Andris Rasmanis, and Gail Zolnier; in charge of the art work were Ann Reich, Bjorg Olsen and Karen Youngman; while Elaine Burleigh and Ann Reich typed out the 38-page booklet.

The magazine consists of numerous short stories, poems, crossword puzzles, jokes and interesting historical and economic facts about France and her possessions.

Among the unusual articles are *La Cinquième République Française* by Andris Rasmanis, *Le Tour Du Monde en Quatre-Vingts Jours* by Camille Khoury, and *Le Gendre de Monsieur Poirier* by Micheline Cagnano.

There is also a page, entitled *France in New York*, devoted to famous landmarks, monuments and statues that were greatly influenced by the French.

Members of the Pan American Club have recently "published" their first magazine, *El Sereno*, a mimeographed collection of stories, puzzles, anecdotes, and articles of general interest, in English and Spanish. The work was done under the supervision of faculty advisers Mrs. Mary Di Sibio and Mr. Allen Felder.

General editor of the magazine was John Dockerty, assisted by art editor Carmen Perea. Other members of the staff were Helene Brachfeld, Dolores Caldara, Dennis Christensen, Athena Constantine, Rosalie Corlito, Joan Cotraro, Blanche Delgado, Marie Delgado, Margaret Ekstrom and Donna Fox.

Also, Michael Ingrassia, David Kaplan, Valerie La Ferla, Carmen Lopez, Mildred Marks, Vincent Piperino, Barbara Rosen, Stephen Schwam, and Carol Weissbrod.

"I am very proud of the work of the students of the Pan American Club and of their activities," said Mr. Max Zeldner, chairman of the Language Department.

Top Graduates

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ticipated in Empire Boys' State at Colgate University.

Although he has not traveled extensively throughout the United States, he has gone to distant lands. Last summer, for example, he took a trip to Norway.

The three years that Harold has spent here have been enjoyable ones. He avers that he benefited from every one of his classes, especially history and chemistry, subjects which fascinate him.

In the fall he will attend Cornell University for a liberal arts education.

Douglas Kalesh

In fourth place in the competition is that popular senior, Douglas Kalesh, known throughout the school for his performance in last year's *Curtaintimers'* production, *The Man Who Came to Dinner*. He also participated in Empire Boys' State last summer, and is a member of Arista, the Minutemen, the Psychology Club, the Senior Council, and the handball team.

In his spare time Doug likes to read; his favorite playwright is William Shakespeare, his favorite author James Hilton.

Doug plans to continue his education at Brown University where he will take a pre-med course.

(See Page 2 for story on Margaret Moore, one of the two valedictorians.)

LIBRARY GETS 33

Students unsure of their future plans can browse through a new guide added to the school library in May, *Vocational Training Directory of the United States*.

This is one of thirty-three new additions, which include six biographies and two anthologies.

Graduation

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cetta Bonom and Miss Maude Randles will then present the class to Principal Jon B. Leder, who will distribute the diplomas. The presentation of the class gift to the school will follow—duplicating machines for offices and floodlights for the stage. Richard Tomasetti, senior class president, will make the presentations.

The orchestra, under the direction of Mr. William Shine, will then perform the "Overture" from *Kismet*, a musical composition based upon themes of Alexander Borodin.

Mudgett, Moore Valedictorians

The commencement exercises will close with valedictory speeches by Brenda Mudgett and Margaret Moore, respectively, the two students with the highest scholastic averages.

The "Recessional," played by the orchestra, will be conducted by Roy d'Urso at the first ceremony and Arthur Andersen at the second.

Tickets for graduation will be distributed in the official classes, each graduating senior receiving two.

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